

# 22nd November 2020

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## Services

**Sunday 22nd November 2020**

**11am Rev Reuben McCormick**

**Sunday 29th November 2020**

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<https://www.youtube.com/GlengormleyPresbyterianChurch>

### Forthcoming Events

**COMMUNION:** Communion will be celebrated at the end of morning worship on Sunday 22nd November. We have sourced self-contained communion cups with bread and non-alcoholic wine. We would invite all those who are in attendance who love the Lord Jesus Christ to join with us.

### Discipleship Events

**PRAYER MEETING:** Zoom Prayer Meeting will be held this Sunday, 22nd November at 8pm. Contact David Johnston or email office@glengormley.org. If you would like us to pray for you or a situation in your life, then please message our Facebook page.

**LIFE GROUPS:** Many of our Bible study groups are currently meeting online using Zoom. There is plenty of space for new members, so if you'd like to give one a try, you can be assured of a warm welcome! Please contact David Johnston for further information: jonty@post.com 02890 282251

### Church Notices



For the last few years, as a church, we have supported the Newtownabbey Foodbank based at Carnmoney Presbyterian Church.

821 People fed in April 2020

(3 times more than April 2019)

2,919 People fed in 2019

2015 The year that our foodbank opened



This year we have been asked to donate throughout November the following items: Boxes of sweets. Tins of sweets. Tins of custard. Please leave any items you bring in the entrance hall. Thank you



**FWO, Missions, Property & Special Offering**

**Contributions:** If you are contributing to FWO, Missions, Property or the Special Offering by cheque it would be much appreciated if you could write separate cheques for each fund you are contributing to. This will greatly help the counting teams as FWO contributions are counted weekly or fortnightly while Mission Fund and Property Fund contributions are only counted at the end of each month. The Special Offering will also be not be counted until the end of November.

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** It is good now to be back worshipping together in the church building on Sunday mornings. While we weren't able to do this we missed several opportunities to give to causes which we usually support. The committee has decided that we will have the opportunity to do this throughout the month of November. If you wish to contribute, please place your gift in any envelope and label it 'Special Offering'. Also please put your name and freewill offering number on the envelope especially if you have signed up for Gift Aid. Your gift will then be split as follows: **United Appeal 42%, Tear Fund 22%, Christian Aid 19% and Presbyterian Children's Society 17%.** This is proportionally the same as last years giving. Envelopes should be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday in November.



## Coming to church

**While we continue to operate under restrictions our services will continue to be streamed online.**

<https://www.youtube.com/>

**GlengormleyPresbyterianChurch**

***If you want to come to church*** - Let your elder know.

They will let you know when you can attend.

If you don't have an elder - please email

**[iwanttocometochurch@glengormley.org](mailto:iwanttocometochurch@glengormley.org)** and let us know. If you don't have email call and leave a message at the church office 02890848774 - and we will get back to you.

### **ON YOUR SUNDAY TO ATTEND:**

1. **Ensure you have no symptoms of COVID.**
2. Face - Bring your facemask.
3. Fingers - you will sanitise your hands on your way in.
4. Feet - you will need to keep 2 metres social distancing at all times.
5. The Automatic door at the side of the church is the new main entrance.
6. Your attendance will be recorded.
7. You will be shown to the particular seat according to the pre-prepared seating plan, please follow the stewards guidance.
8. We will Praise, Pray, Participate in Hearing God's Word. There is no creche, children will stay with their parents - activity packs will be available.
9. At the end of the service, we will all leave, orderly and keeping social distancing - through the main church doors.

It will be wonderful for us to be able to gather for worship. It is important that we all keep the guidelines as a practical way to show our love for one another.

## With Regret

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mrs Myrtle Steenson on 11th November 2020.

## Prayer Diary

### **Sunday 22 November**

Pray for the Moderator as he engages with various meetings, including with the Church Leaders. Pray for wisdom for them so that, together, they may work to bring a workable church-wide response to the changing legislation and government guidelines.

Pray for a sense of God's presence in worship today, asking that God would speak to challenge, encourage and bless his people.

### **Monday 23 November**

Pray for this evangelical theological institute in France that has partnered with PCI for many years. Pray for the professors as they adapt to teaching online during restrictions.

Pray for the students learning online, that they would continue to benefit from their training, to be better equipped to share the gospel with those in search of purpose and meaning in the French-speaking world.

### **Tuesday 24 November**

Pray for the connections PCI has with universities in the Republic of Ireland, including Dublin City University, Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, University College Cork, University of Limerick and the National University of Ireland in both Galway and Maynooth.

Pray that ministers who serve as part-time chaplains in these colleges would be able to have meaningful contact with students and staff this academic year, despite the restrictions.

### **Wednesday 25 November**

Thank God for the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) department's launch of the online version of the teen's mentorship programme. Pray for those taking part in the pilot group, that they will be blessed and give good, insightful feedback.

Pray for Naomi Lere more (global mission worker, Kenya) in her ongoing work with the TEE Department and for the marketing of their new material through the church networks and beyond.

### **Thursday 26 November**

Pray for the Irish mission workers in the Republic of Ireland: David Boyd (in Dublin), Tom Dowling (in Kilkenny) and Philip Whelton (in Arklow) as they continue to serve the Lord and share the gospel with others.

Pray for the Irish mission workers as they continue to adapt and develop their ministry whilst complying with all Covid-19 guidelines.

### **Friday 27 November**

Pray for the residents and tenants in Thompson House, Carlisle House and Gray's Court, as they work through the Covid-19 crisis. Give thanks for the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to support the residents and tenants in their daily routines and programmes.

Pray for the Moderator's Appeal, which includes support for the life-saving work of our mission partners Tearfund and Christian aid, in places where Covid-19 has caused genuine devastation.

### **Saturday 28 November**

Please pray for the General Council as it meets this week and endeavours to carry out the work of PCI in challenging circumstances. Please also pray for the work of Linkage Commission as it meets this week. Pray for congregations in the Republic, none of which have been able to meet face-to-face for the last number of weeks. Pray for PCI's representations to government seeking to establish safe and open worship in our churches for the good of all in the community.

## Safe Church

As you know GPC has been signed up as a Safe Church for anyone experiencing Domestic Abuse. Wednesday 25th November is White Ribbon Day when the plight of adults and children trapped in abusive intimate relationships is highlighted. We would like to draw your attention to Domestic Abuse Awareness Webinars hosted by our council and are open to anyone in the congregation. Most sessions are morning or afternoon, which won't suit many, but please check the link and speak to Lesley Bell or Hazel Kyle if you're interested and want more information:

Northern Ireland: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/onus-safe-place-webinar-northern-ireland-tickets-126831886587> (funded by Communities Fund for Northern Ireland)

Antrim & Newtownabbey: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/onus-safe-place-webinar-antrim-newtownabbey-borough-council-tickets-114929274554> (funded by Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP)

We also wanted to share this letter, written by Sarah Coates (Women's Aid locally) to Jonathan Duff who is our link with them:

Hello Jonathan,

Lovely to hear from you! I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well during this difficult time. I would like to thank Glengormley Presbyterian Church for your ongoing support for Women's Aid over the years, we look forward to meeting the new minister and planning ahead on how we can continue to work together.

Women's Aid has always acknowledged that during the pandemic that women and children would be put at increased risk, especially being locked in with their Abuser, we have seen an increase of referrals to both our Women's services and also our children and young people's services, as you can imagine meeting face to face has been extremely difficult.

PSNI also record that compared to this time last year they have received an increase with regards to Domestic Abuse incidents and crimes. Domestic Abuse is an ongoing pandemic with on average 3 women a week in the UK currently losing their lives at the hands of someone who claims to love them. We are seeing a rise also with victims both women and children whose mental health is severely impacted as a result of experiencing domestic abuse, the generational impact is also devastating for all involved.

Thank you so much for your continued support and we look forward to a time where we are able to meet again to discuss further partnership working with Glengormley Presbyterian Church. As a Christian working over 17 years with victims and survivors of abuse I would strongly encourage you as a church to pray consistently for victims and survivors of abuse. I would also ask that you would take time to also pray for the workers, as you can imagine this is a very difficult job to do at times.

Kindest Regards,

Sarah

We always publicise Women's Aid campaign. This year White Ribbon Day is Wednesday 25th November which starts a period of action to raise awareness of the worldwide problem of violence against women.

The White Ribbon Campaign is an international campaign, which originated in Canada in 1991 by a group of men in condemnation of violence and abuse against women, wherever it takes place. Wearing a White Ribbon is a statement that says the wearer will pledge:

**'Never to commit, condone or stay silent about violence against women'.**



Atrocities against women and girls are committed every day in every country. At least one out of every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime, according to a study based on 50 surveys from around the world. In the UK, on average, two women per week are killed by a partner or former partner. In Northern Ireland, PSNI respond to an incident of domestic violence and abuse every 16 minutes of every day; in this local area alone, Women's Aid support an average of 1,500 women and 9,000 children every year. We have seen the tragedy when women, mothers, are seriously injured or murdered by partners, and the devastation that leaves behind for families.

Domestic violence and abuse is not confined to a small section of our community. Victims, and perpetrators come from all walks of life, and no religious denomination is exempt.

Many victims of domestic violence and abuse sit in church pews every Sunday. You know them but you may not know what they are living with.

It is to these victims of domestic violence and abuse that we want to reach out. Help and support is available. Information can be found at the back of the Church.

We also want to ask you to consider wearing a White Ribbon, today, on White Ribbon Sunday, and to remember your pledge

**'never to commit, condone or stay silent about violence against women'.**

White Ribbons are at the back of the Church.

This is how God and His Church teach love to be:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

This is how love should be. These words from the bible should ring true in our ears. These words should extend beyond the Church gates and be embedded within the very essence of our home life. For many they do not.

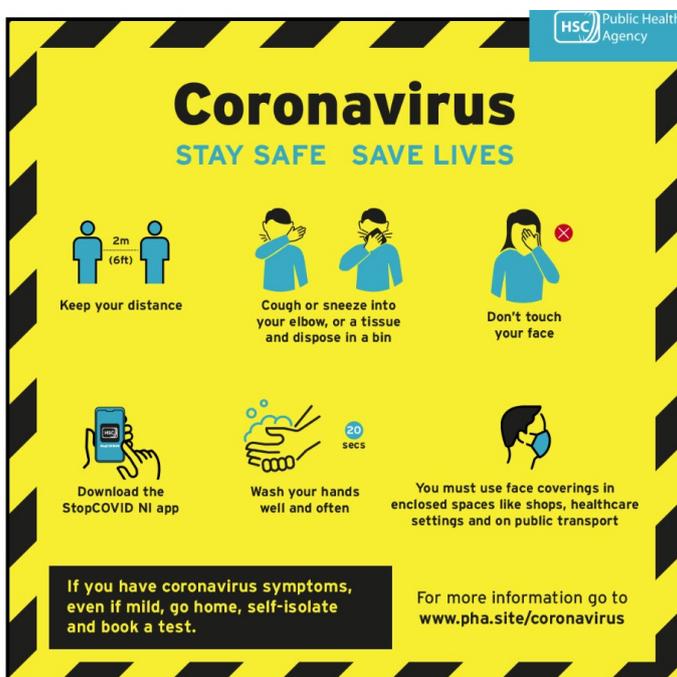
We all know that domestic violence and abuse exists but it's not enough for us to turn our thoughts to the issue for a few minutes and return to our comfortable lives, thankful that it's not us. We need to make the pledge and wear the white ribbon. We need to support those living with violence and abuse.

Women's Aid would also like to ask you the question: what will you do as a congregation to support the White Ribbon campaign and what can you do as an individual? We believe that everyone can - and should - do something.

Thank you for reading our message.

**ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS:** Office hours are Thursdays 12:30-3:30pm. Any announcements need to be with the office by 12 noon on Thursdays.

**YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:** If these should change, please notify the office so that we can keep our records up to date.



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Or our Facebook page

Glengormley Presbyterian Church

We also have a WhatsApp group for church members to keep in touch with each other. Email [office@glengormley.org](mailto:office@glengormley.org) for details